

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John L. Gargiulo, et al.  
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Examiner: Avi M. Gold  
Title: *DISTRIBUTED NETWORK QUERY*

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Dear Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the "Board") from the final Office Action mailed January 9, 2009, finally rejecting Claims 1-11, 13-16, 18-36, and 38-54. Applicants respectfully request the Board to reconsider the rejections to the claims. A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is attached for consideration with this Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$540.00 Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Although no other fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Justin N. Stewart, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6755.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Stewart", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Date: April 9, 2009

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